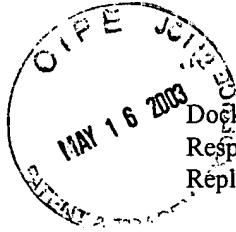


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated April 22, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period for response of May 22, 2003. Restriction among two groups of claims was required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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